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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 181
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A RESOLUTION To designate the first week of May 2001 as JAYS Week and to express support of the Jaycees Against Youth Smoking program.

WHEREAS, The Jaycees developed the JAYS (Jaycees Against Youth Smoking) program to help 10-12 year-olds identify the health risks of smoking, learn the facts about environmental tobacco smoke, describe ways to deal with peer pressure to smoke, and learn methods to quit smoking or to help others to quit; and

WHEREAS, At least 4.5 million teenagers are currently smokers; on average 4,800 children ages 11-17 try smoking their first cigarette daily; and

WHEREAS, Almost 2000 of the children who start smoking each day will become regular smokers, which adds up to 730,000 children who begin smoking in the year 2000 alone; one third of these children will eventually die of smoking-related diseases; and

WHEREAS, Even children who do not actively smoke may be affected by smoking; forty-three percent of all children in America are exposed to secondhand smoke; and

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WHEREAS, One out of every five Americans will die from a smoking-related disease; the United States pays at least \$97.2 billion each year in health care costs and lost productivity due to smoking; and

WHEREAS, The Jaycees Against Youth Smoking program meets every requirement set out by the Center for Disease Control; the five lesson program is available free of charge to every school system in the State of Tennessee through the efforts of the United States Jaycees; and

WHEREAS, The Jaycees provide training materials, including a JAYS folder, drawing paper, pre-testing and post-testing, a certificate of accomplishment and a fact sheet for every child participating in the program. In addition, the Jaycees will provide in-service opportunities in East Tennessee on March 26th, Middle Tennessee on March 27th and West Tennessee on March 28th; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly finds it appropriate to wholeheartedly support such laudable efforts to help the children and youth of this state develop healthy lifestyle habits which will contribute to their future productivity and quality of life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That this General Assembly designates the first week of May, 2001, as JAYS Week in Tennessee, and urges all Tennesseans, old or young, to support the laudable goals of the Jaycees Against Youth Smoking program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our thanks to the United States and Tennessee Jaycees for undertaking this praiseworthy effort to preserve the health of our children and youth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

